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Strasser et al.

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Group Art Unit: 3754

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For: FIRE HOSE HAVING ILLUMINATED
SLEEVE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. The Examiner asserts that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species and that one species from each of the following needs to be elected:

One type of light emitting element from the following:

- (1) Fiber optic cable.
- (2) Electroluminescent material.
- (3) Chemiluminescent materials.

(4) LED's.

The Examiner also requires the election of one type of attachment from the group consisting of:

(1) FIG. 3B.

(2) FIG. 3A.

(3) Opaque arrow sleeve of figure 9.

(4) Embedding the light emitting element in the outer layer.

(5) Providing a clear sleeve.

If the clear sleeve embodiment is elected, then the Examiner requires a further election of species between how the sleeve is held on where one of the following must be chosen if the clear sleeve embodiment is elected:

(1) Glue.

(2) Stitching.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect a fiber optic cable for a clear sleeve that is attached using glue, with claims 1, 5-15, 19-24, 31-33 and 36-38 being readable thereon.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicants' Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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